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1. The Bulgarian Antiaircraft Defense (PVO) uses 37-mm Bofor guns, 85-mm guns, but mainly 76.2-mm guns. The USSR has recently sent 100-mm guns to Bulgaria.
2. The PVO, whose probable commander is Col. Sinovski, possibly consists of six AAA regiments and two autonomous groups (sic). PVO batteries with 76.2-mm guns have four guns each.
3. It is believed that PVO personnel are assigned to radar recognition posts.
4. The antiaircraft civilian defense is organized throughout the country to protect the population and industrial installations in case of air attack and to provide first aid. The central headquarters is in Sofia, but there are also headquarters in okrugs, okoliyas, towns, obshtinas, kvartals (wards), blocks, factories, cooperative labor farms, and institutes. The air protection of civilians is done in cooperation with the Voluntary Organization for Defense Cooperation (DOSO) and other organizations of a paramilitary nature. The following are the functions of the antiaircraft civilian defense:
  - a. Clean-up of the ruins in case of bombings;
  - b. Operation of sirens;
  - c. First aid to persons and animals;
  - d. Fire-fighting; and
  - e. Reclaiming areas infested with poison gas.

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